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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

EJIMA ET AL.

Examiner

Steven P Sax

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 November 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6-21,23-28 and 30-35 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 7-20,25-27 and 30-32 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,6,21,23,24,28 and 33-35 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35

U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1, 2, 6, 21, 23, 24, 28, 33-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Noguchi et al.

4. Regarding claim 1, Noguchi et al show the information processing apparatus that outputs a photographic image and line drawing image (abstract, column 2 lines 1-20), including: a first output means which generates a photographic image by performing resolution conversion to a first source image at a first conversion rate and outputs the photographic image (column 2 lines 1-20, column 5 lines 10-25, column 6 lines 15-43, column 32 lines 10-25 and 60-67), a second output means which generates a line drawing image by performing a resolution conversion to a second source image at

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a second conversion rate which is different from the first conversion rate (column 2 lines 45-55, column 5 lines 40-60, column 19 lines 15-48, column 28 lines 40-53, column 32 lines 15-30), with the line drawing image being overlaid on the photographic image (column 17 lines 45-60, column 32 lines 25-39).

5. Regarding claim 2, the photographic image and line drawing are displayed on a display (column 17 lines 40-60).

6. Regarding claim 6, the apparatus has an input means for inputting the line drawing (column 6 lines 60-67).

7. Claim 21 shows the same features as claim 1 and is rejected for the same reasons.

8. Regarding claim 23, note the touch tablet (column 6 lines 60-67).

9. Claim 24 shows the same features as claim 1 and is rejected for the same reasons.

10. Claim 28 shows the same features as claim 1 and is rejected for the same reasons.

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11. Regarding claim 33, the resolutions are different (column 27 lines 15-45, column 32 lines 25-45).

12. Regarding claim 34, the smaller resolution matches the display resolution (column 27 lines 30-60).

13. Regarding claim 35, the larger resolution matches the display resolution (column 28 lines 30-50, column 30 lines 15-55).

14. Claims 7-20, 25-27, 30-32 are allowable over the prior art of record. These show the filtering and interpolation techniques, which combined show a different resolution process.

15. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

16. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steven P Sax whose telephone number is (571) 272-4072. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-4063. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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